



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced below average amounts of precipitation for the week. Temperatures across the State were also below normal for this time of year, according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Producers were allowed 6.6 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	8	31	56	5
Last Week	3	29	62	6
Last Year	5	25	61	9

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	37	50	6
Last Week	4	38	51	7
Last Year	22	37	40	1

Small Grains: Spring barley was 42 percent harvested by week's end, while spring wheat was reported at 35 percent. Both crops were rated in mostly good condition but lag behind their 5-year averages by 5 percentage points.

Row Crops: Summer crops continue to be rated in good condition. Corn continues to progress on schedule with the silking stage almost coming to an end and 17 percent now in the dent stage. Sorghum turning color and maturing stages were ahead of their 5-year averages. Dry onions, reported at 12 percent harvested, is behind the 5-year average by 8 percentage points. Summer potatoes harvested, reported at 13 percent, are 7 points behind the average. Dry bean acreage has nearly completed the flowering stage.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 23, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	1	3	19	48	29
Last Year	6	17	22	41	14
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	2	21	52	25
Last Year	7	20	25	36	12

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado rated mostly good last week but dropped 13 percentage points in that category. The alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with the 2nd cutting coming to completion across most of Colorado. Third cutting alfalfa, at 16 percent complete, continues to lag behind the 5-year average.

Livestock: Livestock in Colorado are rated in good condition again this week. Death losses for cattle were rated slightly above average while sheep losses were rated slightly below. Stored feed supplies remained above average for this time of the year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 23, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	2	7	32	50	9
Prev. Year – 2008	11	28	37	17	2
5-Year Avg.	11	22	35	26	6

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 23, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Spring Barley				
Harvested	42	37	30	47
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	35	27	29	40
Corn				
Silked	98	95	100	98
Dough	43	29	58	50
Dent	17	9	24	17
Corn Silage				
Harvested	5	2	6	5
Sorghum				
Headed	75	59	94	82
Turning Color	50	45	79	32
Mature	11	5	4	3
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	13	9	10	20
Dry Onions				
Harvested	12	7	14	20
Dry Beans				
Flowered	99	92	90	92
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	90	78	95	93
3 rd Cutting	16	11	27	27

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	5	19	57	19
Corn	2	7	15	58	18
Sugarbeets	0	2	13	72	13
Summer Potatoes	0	0	0	90	10
Fall Potatoes	1	4	25	43	27
Sorghum	0	2	21	67	10
Sunflowers	2	3	26	51	18
Dry Beans	0	1	15	74	10
Dry Onions	0	0	2	75	23
Livestock	0	2	9	82	7

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.